

## **Carnivore Studies Intern**

The National Park Service is looking for a highly motivated individual willing to commit to a six month internship tracking carnivores throughout the Santa Monica Mountains of southern California, a fragmented habitat adjacent to Los Angeles. This project assesses the effect habitat fragmentation and urban development on native carnivores (bobcats, coyotes and mountain lions).

### **Major Duties (Things you will get added experience or training in):**

Interns may participate in all aspects of project field work, data entry and processing, and data analysis.

- Radio tracking bobcats and mountain lions.
- Assist wildlife technicians with trapping bobcats and mountain lions, maintenance of wildlife cameras, scat surveys, road kill surveys and data entry.
- May assist with other park projects: pitfall traps, plant surveys, small mammal trapping, passerine bird surveys, stream surveys, including education programs.

### **Requirements:**

- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the US.
- B.S. in wildlife biology or closely related field.
- Must be able to hike steep and uneven terrain.
- Ability to work alone and in a team environment.
- Must have a minimum of 100 hours in actual field survey work (own project or assisting with a graduate student or teacher's project).
- Experience with telemetry and tracking wildlife is desired but not required.
- Must be detail-oriented and well organized.
- Have good oral and written communication skills and ability to follow oral and written directions.
- Valid driver's license is required.
- Must have own transportation to and from worksite. Government vehicles are available for intern use within the scope of their internship.
- Experience in driving 4wd is a plus.
- Fingerprint check and background check may be required.

### **Work Site and Conditions:**

- Position involves substantial amounts of vehicle travel and hiking in remote areas.
- Commitment of six months full time (40 hours per week).
- Field duties may involve work at unusual hours, including early morning, evening, and late night shifts.

### **Compensation:**

- A stipend of \$100 per week is usually available.
- Intern will be paid monthly or as worked out by the intern supervisor.
- Full time interns from outside the area may be eligible for shared housing.

To apply send letter of application (this should include how position will benefit your career, your available dates, your understanding that this internship is unpaid except for the stipend, and that you have your own vehicle for transportation to and from work), resume, three reference contacts, available dates and an unofficial transcript via email to

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